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Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste
Center of Expertise

Linda Sharpenberg
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Dear Ms. Sharpenberg:

This correspondence addresses the recent evaluation of STL Los Angeles of Santa Ana CA by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for chemical analysis in support of the USACE Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste Program.

The USACE validates laboratories for ambient air parameters based on evaluation of laboratory documents and requested method Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), Method Detection Limits (MDLs), control limits, and to the extent available, Proficiency Testing (PT) sample analysis results.

Your laboratory is now validated for the parameters listed below:

METHOD	PARAMETERS	MATRIX
TO-15	Volatile Organics	Air(1)

Remarks: 1) Compendium Method TO-15 using evacuated canister and GC/MS analysis for VOC measurements

Based on the submittal of acceptable SOPs, support documentation, PT sample analysis results and past performance on the Indiana Harbor and Canal Perimeter Air Monitoring Project, your laboratory will be validated for sample analysis by the methods listed above. The period of validation is 24 months and expires on April 22, 2006.

The USACE reserves the right to conduct additional laboratory inspections or to suspend validation status for any or all of the listed parameters if deemed necessary. It should be noted that your laboratory may not subcontract USACE analytical work to any other laboratory location without the approval of this office. This laboratory validation does not guarantee the delivery of any analytical samples from a USACE Contracting Officer Representative.

Any question or comments can be directed to Kevin Coats at (402) 697-2563. General questions regarding laboratory validation may be directed to the Laboratory Validation Coordinator at (402) 697-2574.

Sincerely,

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